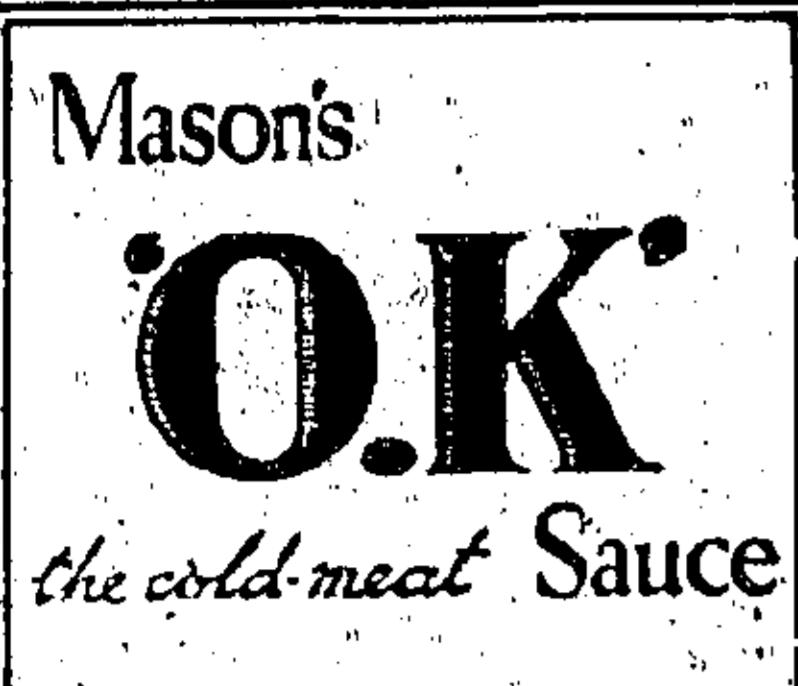


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36,000 ITALIAN PRISONERS ARE MOVED OUT OF BATTLE AREA IN NORTH AFRICA: BARDIA SHELLED

Offensive Patrols Continue On The Kenya Frontier

THE NUMBER OF ITALIAN PRISONERS MOVED OUT OF THE BATTLE AREA IN NORTH AFRICA IS NEARLY 36,000 WHILE SEVERAL THOUSANDS ARE STILL AWAITING TO BE MOVED UP, SAYS A LONDON MESSAGE.

Bardia is being shelled while British preparations are continuing outside.

A General Headquarters communiqué from Cairo states: "Our artillery has continued to harass the enemy inside the defences of Bardia while preparations outside are progressing. The number of prisoners evacuated from the area is 35,941 including 1,704 officers."

"Several thousands are still awaiting to be moved up from the forward captures. On the Kenya frontier offensive patrols continue."

Greeks Take Coast Town Of Chimarra

THE GREEKS REPORT MORE IMPORTANT SUCCESSES AGAINST THE ITALIANS THAN THEY HAVE CLAIMED FOR A LONG TIME

The coastal town of Chimarra has now been captured by the Greeks after the Italians had been dislodged from strongly fortified positions and forced to leave large quantities of war material. A number of officers and 800 prisoners were taken.

The Greek advance columns are now driving along the Adriatic coast and are reported to be about 25 miles from Valona, the vital seaport which has already been battered by R. A. F. bombs and shelled by the British Navy.

Fighting is taking place in heavy snow.

The Italians are now stated to be retreating to the shattered port of Valona.

Heavy fighting is now stated to be going on at Tepelini, where the Italian Alpine division is reported to have sustained another defeat.

A particularly satisfactory feature of the fighting was the losses which have been inflicted on the Italian Air Force.

18 PLANES DOWNED

Greek anti-aircraft batteries are stated to have brought down 18 planes and three bombers were destroyed by machine-gun fire.

The British had a share in two successes against the Italians, when R. A. F. fighters twice intercepted Italian bombers, shooting down one and forcing another to land.

ATHENS CELEBRATION

A message from Athens says that flags are to be flown there for three days in celebration of a victory which resulted in the capture of Chimarra.

The message points out that this victory was achieved in spite of very bad weather and that the Italians will now be forced to fight a desperate rearward action in their retreat, states a London message.

These figures make it evident that menaces from the mine, submarine and the air are still severe but they are regarded, on the whole, as offering ground for encouragement.

Today's War Summary

THE APPOINTMENTS OF LORD HALIFAX AS BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, MR. ANTHONY EDEN AS FOREIGN SECRETARY AND CAPT. H. D. R. MARGESSON AS WAR SECRETARY, ARE WARMLY WELCOMED IN THE BRITISH PRESS. THE APPOINTMENT OF LORD HALIFAX IS GENERALLY REGARDED BY NEWSPAPERS IN LONDON AS REPRESENTING A SUFFICIENT MEASURE OF IMPORTANCE ATTACHED IN BRITAIN TO THAT POST. IN RECOMMENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF A FOREIGN SECRETARY THE PRIME MINISTER HAS BROKEN ALL PRECEDENTS.

MANCHESTER CITY WAS HEAVILY ATTACKED for many hours by German raiders on Sunday night. A large number of fires were caused and considerable damage was done to buildings and shops. It is known that a number of people were killed and many others injured.

LATEST REPORTS FROM THE NORTH AFRICA THEATRE OF WAR REVEAL THAT 36,000 ITALIAN PRISONERS HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE BATTLE AREA. MEANWHILE BARDIA IS STILL BEING SHELLED WHILE BRITISH PREPARATIONS ARE CONTINUING OUTSIDE.

BRITISH SHIPPING LOSSES DUE TO ENEMY ACTION FOR THE WEEK ENDED DEC. 16 WERE WELL BELOW THE WEEKLY AVERAGE FOR THE WHOLE OF THE WAR WHICH STANDS AT NEARLY 64,000 TONS. FIVE BRITISH SHIPS AND TWO ALLIED WERE LOST.

CHINESE AID FOR AIR RAID FUND

As the result of a big drive launched by the Chinese in Malaya the sum of £30,000 has been raised for the British Air Raid Relief Fund, states a London message.

GRAZIANI EXPLAINS WESTERN DESERT REVERSSES

The position in Bardia is still much the same, according to a London message. The town is still in Italian hands and there is no reason to believe that its fall is imminent.

The British forces are continuing their mopping-up operations before making a final assault on the town and more equipment is still being brought up to the attack.

News of the British successes in North Africa is beginning to have an effect in Abyssinia as the Abyssinians now have evidence of the might of the Royal Air Force in the raids which they have carried out round their border.

A background to the situation in Bardia was given in another message in London yesterday.

Many people imagine that Bardia is an entrenched camp occupied by a large number of troops. It is a defended port which has been in the hands of the Italians as long as they have been in Libya.

A naval authority described the port at Bardia as only of minor importance. Only two ships can enter at a time and the depth of the water at the pier-head is only 10ft. There is no harbour between Alexandria and Tobruk, where ships can go alongside.

At Sidi Barrani, there is only one pier and thousands of Italian prisoners had to be taken outside in boats to bigger ships.

These are the difficulties that the British forces had to overcome and their triumph was by magnificent co-operation between the three forces.

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuters) — Another Newfoundland artillery contingent has arrived at a West Coast port.

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"NO MORE DETERMINED ENEMY OF HITLER": APPOINTMENT OF LORD HALIFAX TO WASHINGTON POST UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Mr. Eden Regarded As Outstanding Opponent Of Appeasement

LORD HALIFAX, Foreign Secretary and a former Viceroy of India, will take over his new appointment as BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES in succession to the late Lord Lothian early in the new year, states a London message.

MR. ANTHONY EDEN, Secretary for War since May 13 this year, took over his new office as Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (a post in which he formerly served) yesterday.

The new War Minister is CAPT. H. D. R. MARGESSON, Chief Government Whip for the past decade.

"There is no more determined enemy of Herr Hitler and all that he stands for than this gentle and great-hearted Englishman."

This comment by the NEW YORK TIMES is but one of the expressions of approval both in Britain and the United States on the appointment of Lord Halifax to the post of British Ambassador in Washington.

The London message giving these comments, states that Lord Halifax, in giving up his appointment as Foreign Secretary is taking a unique step, which shows beyond any words, the importance which he and the British Government attach to relations with the United States both during the war and after.

TEERABLE ARTILLERY

His report continues: "The R.A.F. flew low over our defence lines and after a terrible artillery and sea bombardment, armoured cars came over and overthrew our centres of resistance."

The Marshal says that the battle was the most bloody, and that many Italian detachments were

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Swiss Protest To British Government

BERNE, Dec. 23 (Reuters) — The Swiss Legation in London has been instructed to make a "serious protest" to the British Government against "grave violations" of Swiss neutrality in flights over Switzerland on the nights of Dec. 21 and 22, and to claim damages.

A communiqué states that the Department of Investigation established that the planes were of British nationality and the bombs which fell in Zurich on the evening of Dec. 22 were of British origin and declares that full damages are to be claimed both in respect of property,

and of injury to the victims, and the Legation is to insist that more effective steps be taken to avoid a repetition of such incidents.

EDEN'S RETURN

Mr. Anthony Eden, Secretary for War, takes Lord Halifax's seat on his return to the Foreign Office. It is now just three years since he resigned from the Foreign Secretariat owing to disagreement with Mr. Chamberlain's appeasement policy towards Italy. At that time he was the youngest holder of that office for 84 years.

Lord Cranborne will now go to the House of Lords as Government spokesman. He is 47 years of age. He will retain his office as Secretary for the Dominions.

The other new ministerial appointment does not carry a seat in the War Cabinet. Capt. Margesson, who has been made Secretary for War, has been Chief Parliamentary whip and his talents for organization will be of great service to the War Office. He is 50 years of age.

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Stronger Malaya Defences

LONDON, Dec. 23 (B.W.S.) — A British Far East Headquarters communiqué issued at Singapore states: "Substantial reinforcements of all arms for the Far Eastern Command which recently arrived at Malaya include aircraft, air force personnel, Indian infantry, artillery, engineers and auxiliary units."

"These reinforcements will not only strengthen the already formidable defences of Singapore but increase the force in other areas in the Far East."

Background To The Cabinet Changes

The background to the changes which have taken place in the British Cabinet following the appointment of Lord Halifax as British Ambassador in Washington, was given in London yesterday by MR. T. B. MARTIN, a well-known Parliamentary Lobby correspondent.

STOP PRESS

CHURCHILL'S MESSAGE TO ITALIANS

In the last war against the barbaric Hun, we were your comrades. Fifteen years after that war we were still your friends.

"Now we are attempting to work out each other's ruin. Now we are at war."

These words formed part of a talk which the Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill, addressed to the Italian people in a broadcast last night from London.

"One man and one man alone has roused the Italian people in the struggle against the British Empire and has deprived the Italian people of the sympathy of the United States.

"It is one man and one man alone who has set the Royal Crown of Italy against the wishes of the Vatican and the Roman Catholic Church and against the wishes of the Italian people who have had no love for this war."

"There lies the tragedy of Italian history." Mr. Churchill went on to trace the cause of the present trouble between Britain and Italy and said how it all arose about the Italian complaint of sanctions over Abyssinia.

Mr. Churchill referred to the Covenant of the League of Nations and pointed out how when Abyssinia wanted to be a member of the League of Nations the British Government had advised against it but Signor Mussolini had desired it and had supported it.

Abyssinia had become a member of the League and, therefore, a member of the Covenant which provided that its signatories should not wage war on each other.

After declaring that Italy had cast this pledge to the winds Mr. Churchill went on: "I declare and my words will go far that the Abyssinian quarrel cannot account for or justify the strife that has now broken out between us."

Mr. Churchill reminded Italian people of the message which he sent to Signor Mussolini on May 18, 1935, in which he said:

"Mr. Anthony Eden takes up the seals of office as Foreign Secretary for the second time in his political career," said Mr. Martin.

"His first appointment followed after long experience in foreign affairs which began in 1926, when he was Parliamentary Secretary to the late Sir Austen Chamberlain, who was then Foreign Minister.

"When the Government was formed under the late Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, Mr. Eden became Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, and impressed with his knowledge of the subjects dealt with by the Foreign Office. It was, however, as Minister to the League of Nations that he impressed most.

18 in which he said that the British Empire had never wanted to be the enemy of Italy.

In that message, Mr. Churchill asked Mussolini not to take his words as displaying a spirit of weakness or of fear. It was meant to prevent two Christian and civilised nations being opposed to each other.

The Premier also gave Mussolini's reply to his message in which Il Duce reminded Mr. Churchill of the initiative taken by the British Government in 1935 to order sanctions against Italy at Geneva.

Mussolini's reply also stated that the character of the Italian agreement with Germany had enraged the two countries' opposite camps.

Mr. Churchill concluded: "That was the answer to my appeal. I make no comment whatever. It speaks for itself. Anyone can see who it was that wanted peace and who it was that meant to have war. One man and one man only was resolved to plunge Italy into the whirlpool of war."

"What is the position of Italy today? Where has Il Duce led his people after 18 years of dictatorial power? What choice lies open to them now?"

"It is open to the whole battery of the British Empire and to vigorous counter-attacks of the Greeks."

Mr. Churchill said that what was still open to the Italian people was to allow themselves to be maimed by the Godless and terrorized by Nazi domination.

"One man and one man alone has been responsible for this and there I leave this story. The day will probably come when the Italian nation and the Italian people will take steps to shape their own fortunes."

THIRTY RICE MERCHANTS FINED \$3,150

Magistrate Holds No Case Of Sheer Profiteering

HOLDING THAT THERE WAS NO CASE OF SHEER PROFITEERING AND THAT THERE HAD BEEN EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH FORCED THEM TO SELL IN EXCESS OF THE FIXED PRICE but, at the same time, that there had been a contravention of the Government order, Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy yesterday imposed fines ranging from \$100 to \$200 when 32 rice merchants were summoned for selling rice at a price higher than that fixed by the Food Controller on Dec. 8.

Mr. F. W. Shatford, Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence (Crime) conducted the prosecution, assisted by Insps. F. D. E. Tuckett and Sub-Inspectors W. N. Darkin and J. O'Donnovan.

Mr. M. A. da Silva, representing Yip Shu-sang, master of the On Fat Loong rice shop, 48 Hau Wo Street, pleaded guilty to the summons.

PLEA IN MITIGATION

In mitigation, Mr. Silva said that his client's shop dealt mainly in firewood and in rice only as a side line.

On that particular day, said Mr. Silva, the master was not in the shop at the time of the sale which was made by an ignorant fool. He had instructed all his folks at the time of the prohibition not to sell rice in excess of the prices fixed by the Food Controller.

Mr. Silva continued that his client regretted this very much and invited the Police to investigate thoroughly as to whether there was any other singular instance where his client had sold in excess of the price fixed by Government.

In connexion with this Mr. Silva suggested an adjournment so that the Police could examine defendant's books. This was opposed by the Police who stated that this would not be practicable.

It was fined \$100.

Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios, who appeared for 15 of the defendants, also pleaded guilty.

PURCHASED STOCKS

Mr. Remedios said that all his clients had purchased their stocks before the wholesale prices were controlled. They had to pay to the wholesalers \$17 a picul or, in some cases, \$17.60. The average was, however, about \$17.40 or a little over 17 cents per catty. He produced receipts of various defendants to prove this.

It would, therefore, be impossible, said Mr. Remedios, for his clients to sell at the prices fixed by the Food Controller. They either had to sell at a great loss or close up their businesses entirely.

No regulations governing the wholesale prices were enforced until Dec. 11. This, Mr. Remedios suggested, was entirely the fault of the legislature in not making regulations governing the prices of wholesalers at the same time that the prices of the retailers were controlled.

Mr. Lowry: Still, it is a contravention of the Government order.

Mr. Remedios: Yes, your Worship. That is why I am pleading guilty.

Mr. Remedios added that since the summonses were issued his clients were selling at the prices fixed by Government and that the wholesalers were not asking for \$17 per picul of rice. He asked that his Worship should look at it from the merchants' point of view.

Replying, Mr. Shatford said that it was, perhaps, unfortunate that the wholesale prices were not fixed until Dec. 11. But he argued, it was remarkable that all these people should buy their stocks of rice on the same day.

OBVIOUS COURSE

He suggested that the obvious course to be taken by the rice dealers should, as a whole, be through the Rice Dealers' Association or Guild, to approach the Food Controller on the matter and to point out that the prices fixed were much too high.

This, continued Mr. Shatford, was not done, and asked the Court to conclude that the defendants had sold in excess of the fixed prices in deliberate defiance of the Government order.

Mr. Lowry then imposed the fines as stated.

Cheng Lam, of the Yee Cheung Hong rice shop, No. 204A, Queen's Road East, and Chan Ping, of the Chan Ping rice shop, No. 243, Hennessy Road, were fined \$200 and \$150, respectively.

The summonses against Wong



Mr. H. J. Tadema-Wielandt, Chancellor of the Netherlands Consulate-General, with his bride, formerly Miss Jean McLaren, daughter of Sir John and Lady McLaren, of Sydney, N.S.W., after their marriage at St. John's Cathedral on Saturday. Lt.-Col. the Rev. S. Hinckliffe, S.C.F., officiated. (King's Studio).

Road West (Kwong Sang Cheung rice shop); Li Sung, 131A Queen's Road East (Ta Wing rice shop); Sui Sum, 98 Queen's Road East (Yuen Shing rice shop); Ho Chung, 1 Sal Wan Ho, Main Street (Tung Sang rice shop); Chan Ko, 358 Main Street (Kwong Hing Cheung rice shop); Chan Tak-shing, 14 Centre Street (Ming Hing Lung rice shop); and Au Yeung Yuen, 12 Ko Shing Street (Yuen Tsan rice shop).

Tsoi Ching 51 Stone Nullah Lane (Yuen Chan rice shop); Li Sung, 131A Queen's Road East (Ta Wing rice shop); Sui Sum, 98 Queen's Road East (Yuen Shing rice shop); Ho Chung, 1 Sal Wan Ho, Main Street (Tung Sang rice shop); Chan Ko, 358 Main Street (Kwong Hing Cheung rice shop); Wong Yu, 176 Wellington Street (Sal Fung rice shop); Lal Ka, 29 Hollywood Road (Sal Fung Cheung rice shop); Tam Saan, 26 Tung Street (Wang Hing rice shop).

B. W. O. F.

The following is the latest list of subscriptions received to date for credit of the British War Organisation Fund:

Previously acknowledged: £100 and \$618,173.07.

Anonymous \$5; L. Blair (Monthly) 10;

Mrs. M. M. Drake (Monthly) 10;

John Forbes (Monthly) 25;

Davies, Brooke and Gran (Monthly) 70; Anonymous 1; QALM.N.S. Mess. (Monthly) 15; M. G. Carruthers (Monthly) 15; D. W. Hume (Monthly) 10; Garrison Concert Party proceeds from "Music Hall" 1940 500; Sale of Postal Labels, 10.80; Sale of CHSS Badge per Mrs. W. Park 1; Bazaar held at the St. Paul's Girls College per Dr. Katie Woo 50; The HKV.D.C. Nursing Detachment—proceeds of the Revue "Pure and Simple" at the Helena May Institute on Nov. 16, 600; D. C. Edmondson (Monthly) 250; Rev. and Mrs. Broadfoot (Monthly) 5; V. Hat 50; Anonymous 25 Total, \$619,988.87

CIVIL SERVANTS HELD

The Club bowlers on view, only A. J. Dewar made any impression on the batsmen. He seemed to get a lot of pace out of the ball which kicked like a mule.

He caught Archie Zimmern napping and bowled him before that worthy knew what he was about.

He got Tommy Madar out by the lbwroute, was not at all surprised to see Tommy go this way, as he was much too fond of stepping in front of his wicket to execute his glide shots.

DISAPPOINTING INNINGS

The Club innings was disappointing, none of their batsmen making a sufficiently long stay at the wicket to enable them to make respectable scores. D. S. Robb was the highest scorer for the Club with 17 to his credit.

The Club batting collapse was attributable to Frank Goodwin's and Francis Zimmern's fine bowling.

It must be gratifying to all cricketers to see the former's return to the game. He opened the K.C.C. attack with Zimmern and took three wickets for only 12 runs. Some measure of credit for the K.C.C. victory must of necessity go to Goodwin.

TAME DRAW AT VALLEY

The match between Craignewer and the Indian R.C. at the Valley was a dull affair and ended in a tame draw. The Indians batted first and soon found themselves in difficulties. Abdul Rumjahn was beautifully caught at slip by Percy Ismail who picked the ball very low with his left hand.

Having regard for the fact that he is left-handed, I wonder if he would have brought off the catch if it had gone to his right. Another good catch was brought off by Peter Esmail when he held a fast low one, also at slip, to dismiss Ahmed Madar who has played a useful innings for 43 runs.

The only two Indian batsmen who seemed to be able to cope with the bowling were Madar and

MARRIED V. SINGLES CRICKET MATCH

The following will take part in the Married v. Singles cricket match to be held at the Craignewer Club on Dec. 26 (Boxing Day) at 11 a.m.

Married:—E. Zimmern (Capt.), W. K. Way, T. Lock, J. L. Youngs, T. Waller, U. H. Esmai, A. B. Hamon, A. K. Ismail, B. R. Irane, J. W. Leonard, C. W. Lam, G. H. Morris, G. Tanner, W. Hong Sling.

Singles:—G. Souza (Capt.), A. M. Omar, A. J. Hulse, Ramchand, P. J. Billimoria, T. H. Edgar, J. Locke, S. Leonard, E. H. Esmai, G. Ladd, S. E. Spina, A. Hung, N. Broadbridge, L. Choi.

There will be a tea dance immediately after the match.

BRILLIANT BATTING PERFORMANCES BY LAY, J. M. GOSANO

Recreio Bowlers Play Havoc With Army Batsmen

YOUNG FRANCIS LAY PLAYED A VERY PROMINENT PART IN HELPING THE K.C.C. TO BEAT THE HONGKONG C.C. on the latter's ground last Saturday. Going in number five, he played very aggressive cricket and runs came off his bat at a rattling pace. In one over from M. F. Haynes he hit a beautiful six into Queen's Road, three boundaries and two singles. His fifty odd minutes' stay at the wicket produced 83 runs in which were included 13 fours. When only eleven runs short of the century, he had the misfortune to be run out.

Donald Anderson who opened the K.C.C. innings with Duggie Hung, and with whom Lay was associated in a big partnership, played a steady innings for 46 runs at which score he was caught by L. T. Ride off the bowling of Harry Owen-Hughes. When the declaration was made, K.C.C. had scored 181 runs for five wickets.

Of the Club bowlers on view, K. M. Rumjahn, with the disappearance of S. Yusuf, the Indian R.C. bowler, came to a close with the score standing at 19.

Of the Craignewer batsmen, only Ernie Zimmern, George Souza and A. Hulse reached double figures. When bad light necessitated stumps being drawn, Craignewer had 86 on the board for the loss of eight wickets.

CIVIL SERVANTS HELD

The match at Pokfulam where the University entertained the Civil Servants, was another draw affair. The hosts had first lease of the wicket and thanks to an eighth wicket partnership between T. T. Chin and Sen-Gupta, which produced 40 runs, their score was carried from 98 for seven to 138 for eight. The Varsity innings was closed at 138 for nine.

For the Civil Service, K. J. Attwell again got going with the bat and together with R. H. Griffiths, he put up 88 runs in a second wicket partnership before being out. Attwell contributed 41 and Griffiths 35.

However, bad light robbed the Civil Servants of victory. With six wickets in hand, they only required 76 runs to win when stumps were drawn.

RECREIO'S FINE VICTORY

Credit for the Recreio victory over the Army XI at King's Park was shared between J. M. Gosano and who took 3 wickets for 14 runs and R. Ozorio who captured 4 wickets for 21.

J. Gosano and Eddie Soares were responsible for a second wicket partnership that put up 85 runs on the board. Recreio declared at 158 for 4.

Against the attack of Ozorio and Gosano, the Army batting collapsed to enable the Portuguese lads to run away with a fine win by 82 runs.

For the Army only L/Cpl Logan Sgt. Webb and Capt. Skipworth reached double figures.

POLICE FIND FOEM

The Police who are the Junior Champions but who have had a pretty lean season so far have at last come into their own with a fine win over the fairly strong

FOOTBALL —

International Charity Cup, China v. Scotland (Boundary Street), 3.30 p.m.

SWIMMING — Swimming and Swimming Instruction.

TOMORROW — International Charity Cup, China v. Scotland (Boundary Street), 3.30 p.m.

K.C.C. second string, L. R. Burch, S. A. Gray and E. Curtis all making useful contributions, the K.C.C. were able to declare at 150 for 7 wickets.

The Police, thanks to consistent scores by their batsmen, were, however, able to overhaul the K.C.C. total and win comfortably. They had 172 on the board for 6 wickets at the close of play. To this total H. E. Hayward contributed 53.

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CLAIM FOR POSSESSION OF HILLMAN MINX

Defendant Questioned On Ability To Purchase Cars On Salary Of \$24 A Month

AT THE RESUMED HEARING OF THE CLAIM BROUGHT BY CHAN SHU-YING, WIDOW, AGAINST LO SANG, A FORMER FIRST-CLASS DISTRICT WATCHMAN, for the return of a Hillman Minx Saloon ex No. 5859, valued at \$1,000, before Mr. Justice Williams at the Supreme Court yesterday, the defendant was subjected to a lengthy cross-examination by Mr. J. M. D'Almada Remedios, for the plaintiff as to his ability in purchasing motor-cars when his salary, as a district watchman, was only \$24 per month.

During the course of the cross-examination, defendant denied that he was married or had a concubine. He stated that he borrowed money from his aunt from time to time, and had borrowed \$1,000 from her in March of this year. He went on to say that all loans were free of interest and that he was not required to sign any promissory notes. \$700 was paid down as first payment for the car, said witness.

Questioned as to whether he seriously meant to say that his aunt would lend him money every time he needed it, without interest, without promissory note, and without prospects of being repaid, witness replied that there were prospect of repayment.

His Lordship: What prospects?—The prospects are that when I sell a car I will be able to pay her all back.

Asked by Mr. Remedios whether he borrowed \$2,000 from his aunt in connexion with the purchase of the car, witness said that he borrowed only \$1,000 in cash and that the other \$1,000 was owing previously.

Mr. Remedios: How did you manage? Your salary was only \$24 per month and you had to keep yourself going?—When I borrowed the money I was expecting to pay her back \$1,000 when I re-sell the car.

Witness denied that he obtained the money from the plaintiff. He did not, he said in reply to another question, borrow money to purchase car No. 775 as he had \$300 left from the previous loan of \$1,000. He denied having bought the car (No. 775).

REPAID AUNT \$200
Asked what he did with the balance of the \$300 from the \$1,000, witness said that he repaid his aunt \$200, in June, and paid the first month's instalment of \$70. He also paid the subsequent four instalments, as his car was making money for him.

Asked whether he had not to pay down a lump sum for the Baby Ford and a deposit of \$350 for the Hillman Minx at the time of changing over the first for the second, defendant replied in the affirmative, adding that he again borrowed the money from his aunt. He did not sign any promissory note for this loan.

CAR TAKEN BACK
Witness further admitted having entered into an agreement to purchase car No. 3579 on the hire-purchase system and to have paid a deposit of \$250 on that car. He, however, denied that the car was taken back by the owners on his failing to pay the instalments, and said that the car was in a garage for repairs to be carried out.

Pressed by Mr. Remedios whether it was not a fact that the owners, acting under certain conditions in the agreement, took possession of the car from the Am Tung garage on Saturday, defendant stated that they did so but without any warning to him. The total amount he paid on that car was only \$200.

A WONDERFUL AUNT
Mr. Remedios: You had such a wonderful aunt, why did you not go to her for the \$50 (instalment) instead of having the car taken away?—I did not go to her because the car was being repaired.

Questioned as to whether he had re-sold any cars he bought from loans from his aunt, witness said that he re-sold car No. 775. Reminded by Mr. Remedios that he had told the Court that he never bought car No. 775, witness stated that his reply was a mistake as he did not understand the question. He did buy car No. 775, and that he obtained part of the \$500 needed from his aunt.

Witness denied that he went with plaintiff to a goldsmith's shop to melt down the plaintiff's jewellery. Asked as to why plaintiff should want to melt her jewellery, defendant replied that it was because she was in need of money to redeem her mu-tsa in Kwoon-chau-wan.

SUB-POENA'D WITNESS
Leung Yue, motor-car driver, a witness sub-poenaed for the de-

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS AT CENTRAL

IMPERSONATION CHARGE

Appearing before Mr. H. G. Sheldon yesterday on charges of impersonating a police officer and with demanding money with menaces, Tam Chan, 24, unemployed, was remanded 72 hours for further inquiries.

Tam was alleged to have, on Dec. 20, at No. 329 Lockhart Road, ground floor, impersonated as a police officer for an unlawful purpose. Defendant was further alleged to have demanded, with menaces, the sum of \$200 from Wan San, 27, iron worker.

Tam pleaded not guilty to both charges.

Det.-Sgt. V. M. Morrison is in charge of the case.

THEFT OF GUNNY SACKS

Pleading guilty to stealing 49 gunny sacks from a godown of Kwan On Co., Morrison Hill Road, on Dec. 22, Wong Sang, 49, unemployed, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour by Mr. Sheldon yesterday.

Det.-Sgt. Morrison said that at about 5 a.m. a constable on patrol saw defendant carrying two bundles of sacks at Gap Road. When questioned defendant admitted stealing them from the godown.

Defendant also pleaded guilty to a second charge of the possession of a pair of pliers fit for an unlawful purpose.

HOTEL THEFT SEQUEL

Charged with theft of a wallet containing H. K. \$30 and \$180 Chinese currency, property of C. F. Wong, from Room 318, St. Francis Hotel, on Dec. 22, Wong Tin-sang, 35, unemployed, who pleaded not guilty to the charge, was remanded till this morning, by Mr. Lowry.

Det.-Sgt. W. Summers prosecuted.

AT KOWLOON

DEMANDING MONEY

Convicted of demanding money with menace, Chan Chau, 26, was sentenced to three months' hard labour, followed by expulsion, by Mr. E. Hinsworth yesterday.

Det.-Sgt. Morrison, who prosecuted, said that the complainant, Tang Hin, 40, was a magician, plying his business at the vacant ground at Shanghai Street. On Saturday Chinese Sub-Inspector Wong Nai-hin was waiting for a bus in the vicinity and saw the defendant and two other Chinese surround the complainant. The defendant raised his fist in a manner as if he was going to strike the complainant. He went up to inquire and the complainant told him that the defendant threatened him and wanted \$2 as entrance fee of a society.

The defendant alleged that his brother had paid quite a sum of money to the magician to learn magic but his tricks proved unsuccessful and he was asking the defendant to pay him back the money.

STOLE FROM CAR

Mrs. H. F. Phillips, of No. 28, Kadoorie Avenue, appeared as complainant before Mr. Hinsworth yesterday in the case in which Ma Shun-tai, 22, was charged with larceny of a canvas bag and contents.

The defendant, who was arrested by a Chinese constable in the act of stealing the bag from the complainant's car parked outside No. 174, Prince Edward Road, on Saturday, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour, followed by expulsion. The bag and contents, valued at \$26, were recovered.

LARCENY OF RING

Sentence of six months' hard labour, followed by expulsion, was imposed by Mr. Q. A. Macfadyen yesterday on Cheung Ping, 33, for stealing a gold ring from a goldsmith.

It was stated that the defendant went to the shop about 6.50 p.m. on Sunday and pretended to buy a ring. The folk gave him a gold ring, valued at \$28, which he took and walked out of the shop.

A Chinese constable gave chase and arrested him.

SUPERSTITION VICTIM

How superstition claimed another victim was related before Mr. Hinsworth yesterday when Ho Shing, 30, was charged with obtaining \$352.50 from a rubber dealer, Chan Sun-ng, by falsely pretending that he would buy

GENERAL

ACCUSED GIVES EVIDENCE

FALSE PRETENCES ALLEGED

Evidence for the defence was given before Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy yesterday in the case in which Henry Chao, 37, broker, is charged with obtaining \$14,500 from Wong Bor, proprietor and manager of the Hongkong Sporting Arms Company at No. 22 Pottinger Street on July 19 by falsely pretending that it had been demanded by the Central Trust of China in connection with a certain contract then being negotiated between the latter and the Central Trust.

Mr. W. A. Macklin appeared for the prosecution, while Mr. F. L. Zimmern was for the defence.

PART OF COMMISSION

Defendant refused complainant's evidence to the effect that he had said that the money had been demanded by the Central Trust as commission. Witness said that the sums paid him were part of the commission money due him for his assistance in bringing about the contract.

He denied having represented himself before Henry H. Lin, of the Central Trust, as a partner of complainant in his firm. He further denied having asked complainant's permission to return the money by instalments of \$1,000 per month.

Defendant admitted that complainant had asked him for the return of the money, but he did not do so because the money paid him was part of his commission. Hearing was adjourned to today at 11.30 a.m.

lottery tickets for the complainant.

Sgt. Haynes said that the defendant had on four occasions obtained money from the com-kilung Street on Nov. 4 to buy salt fish. They argued with the complainant's wife, Lo Ihs-tai, over the price and there was a fight. It was alleged that the purchaser was assaulted by Lo and a few men.

On returning home Wong told husband. Three days later, it was alleged that the defendant met complainant. He picked up a wooden pole and gave the complainant a blow on the head. The hearing was adjourned until this afternoon.

ROBBERY SEQUEL
Alleged to have entered a light house at Capsulun and stole a quantity of valuables, four boatmen, Wu Kwal, 30, Wu Fong, 29, Wu Yan, 23, and Wu Yan-lee, 34, were charged before Mr. Hinsworth yesterday with robbery.

Det.-Sgt. A. Allen said that on Nov. 5 the intruders took 100 catties of rice, \$20 Hongkong currency, four pairs of ear-rings and a quantity of clothing.

On information received the alleged robbers were arrested on board a boat at Tolo-koutou on Dec. 6.

After evidence the hearing was adjourned to Saturday.

plaintiff by saying that he could bring him luck if he would buy race tickets through him.

On December 14, the complainant gave him \$50 to buy lottery tickets. Four days later the defendant came back and told the complainant that he had spent the money in a goddess temple praying for luck and he requested \$50 more which the complainant gave him.

The following day the defendant approached the complainant and took away a suitcase, valued at \$32.50, which he was supposed to present to the goddess.

The following day the defendant returned and told the complainant that there were 22 devils who wanted to have \$1 each. The complainant gave him the money.

The defendant was sentenced to four months' hard labour and is to be expelled from the Colony.

WOUNDING ALLEGED

Cheuk Sang, stonebreaker, was charged before Mr. Macfadyen yesterday with wounding a fish hawk, Yuen Tung.

Det.-Sgt. D. G. MacPherson said that the wife of the defendant, Wong Tai, accompanied by another woman, Lam Yang, went to



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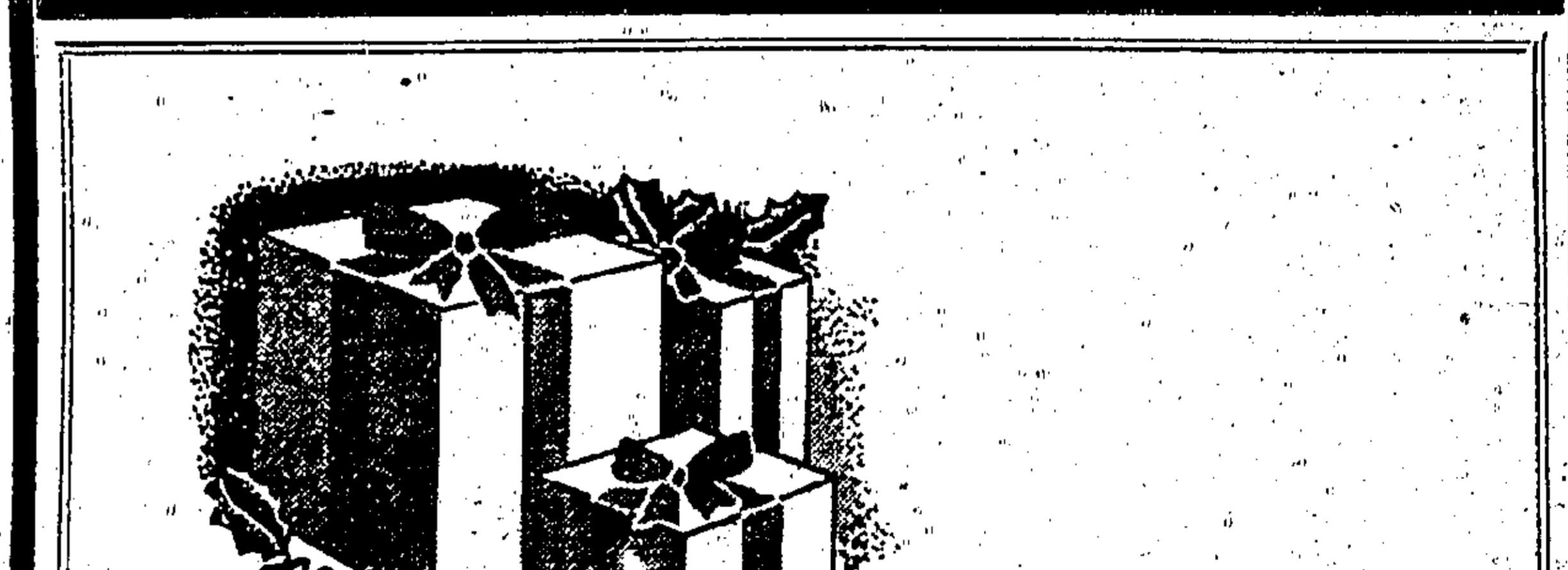
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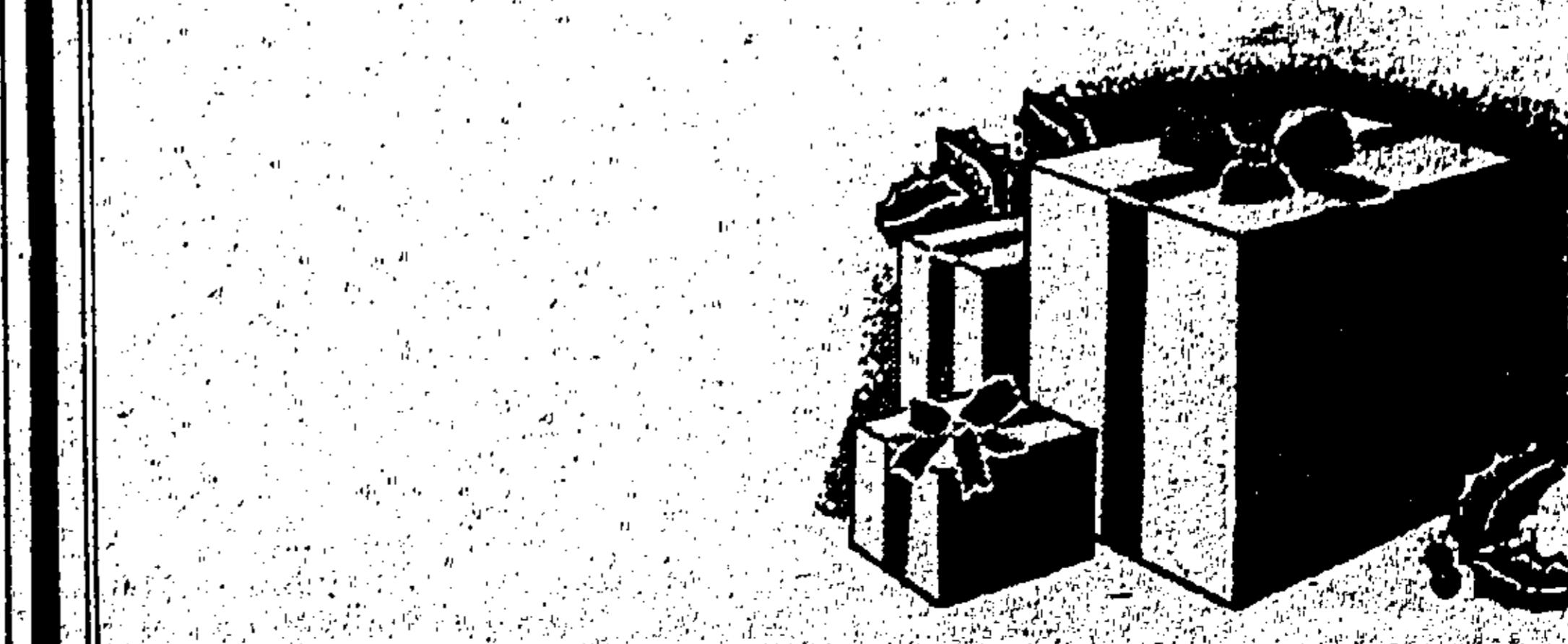


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Lo Kwang-hing, of No. 135 Queen's Road Central, reports that at 2.30 p.m. on Sunday someone got into his shop and stole a wrist watch valued at \$110.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

BANK HOLIDAYS.

In Accordance with Government Ordinance, THE EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on WEDNESDAY, & THURSDAY, the 25th & 26th December, 1940. (Christmas Holidays).

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1940.
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G. R. PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 30th day of December, 1940, at 3 p.m. at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Castle Peak, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not, the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Lots	Boundary No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Content in Square feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
			N. S. E. W. ft. ft. ft. ft.	\$	\$	\$
1	Ping Shan Lot No. 6	Castle Peak	As per sale plan	About 18,000	82	900

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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificates 6/NS. 4412 dated Hongkong, 16th January, 1936 for Three shares of this Bank numbered 97994/97996 inclusive registered in the names of Messrs. Maneck Roostumjee, Mehta and Dpm Manek Mehta has been lost or stolen, and should this certificate not be produced to the Bank before the 11th January, 1941, a new certificate for the shares will be issued, and the aforesaid Certificate No. 6/NS. 4412 will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as null and void.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Kindly note that as from 30TH DECEMBER, 1940, our new office address will be:

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NOTICE

CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NUMBER

It is hereby notified that as from January 7, 1941, the telephone number of the Hongkong Daily Press, Marina House, will be:

33225

instead of 30251 as hitherto. The other line, 33383, remains unchanged.

The Daily Press

Editorial and Business Office:
15-19, Queen's Road Central
Tel. 30251.

Night Editor (Wanchai Office):
Tel. 24511.
London Office: 53, Fleet Street
E.C.4.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 24, 1940.

VICHY'S PART IN NEW WAR PHASE

IN SPITE of the veil of secrecy which is being maintained over the negotiations which are taking place between the Vichy Government and the Nazis, the meagre news that has filtered through confirms the opinion of political observers that Vichy will play an important part in the developments of the new war phase. The whole issue hangs on the question whether Marshal Petain will accede to the German pressure for greater co-operation with the Nazis or whether he is in a position to make use of the advantageous situation which has been created for him as a result of the desperate straits into which the Germans have been thrown. Whichever way the Marshal acts, there is no doubt that it will have important repercussions on the latest trend of events. Herr Hitler is well aware of this, but there are cogent reasons which have compelled him to tread cautiously in the way he must handle the situation.

IT IS, THEREFORE, interesting to see how far the Vichy Government's position will affect the present situation. The motive underlying the Nazi pressure is clearly to get control of the French Fleet. This is of paramount importance to Herr Hitler, not because he might be able to use it to help his Italian ally to escape the disaster which threatens him in Albania and in North Africa, but because it will reinforce his now negligible naval strength to balance the potential additions which will go from America to the British Navy and to British mercantile shipping. The French Fleet comprises useful vessels, apart from a number of submarines, which, if they

SAVAGE RAIDS BY JAPANESE

Savage raids were carried out by 12 waves of Japanese planes on towns and villages between Shau-chung, Mirs Bay, and Tamshui, on Sunday. The raids lasted for 12 hours. Over 120 people were killed or wounded and scores of houses and shops were destroyed.

H.M. SWORDFISH OVERDUE

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuters)—The British submarine Swordfish (Lieutenant MacLangle) is overdue and must be considered lost, according to an Admiralty communiqué.

pass into Nazi control, will help Herr Hitler to increase his depredations against shipping in the Atlantic—a subject which is already causing the British Government grave concern. Apart from this aspect of the situation, Vichy's acceptance of the German demands will throw unoccupied France open to the passage of German troops to the Mediterranean and might well enable Herr Hitler not only to threaten Gibraltar, but even to force General Franco to join him in a drive through that region and, incidentally, render succour to Italy.

IF MARSHAL PETAIN refuses to give way to Germany, it will not only mean that Herr Hitler's embarrassment will be increased, but that it will add to the spirit of opposition against Germany in the French Colonies, where there are increasing signs of a desire to join General de Gaulle's Free French Forces in an attempt to win back for French people in every part of the world the liberty of their motherland from the brutal grip of the Nazi aggressor. Herr Hitler may, of course, if he is driven to the end of his patience decide to try and seize the French Fleet by force, but that will most probably precipitate a crisis which he certainly sees it is advisable to avoid. An open revolt against him, not only in the Colonies, but in occupied France itself, will present him with a threat which he will find very hard to ignore and even his most callous brutality might not be able to stem the serious consequences which would follow.

WHICH WAY will the Vichy Government turn? Marshal Petain undoubtedly has no more illusions about Herr Hitler's and his promises. He realises that he still has a few trump cards which he can play against the German Fuehrer, but he is also aware that Herr Hitler will be seeking means to undermine his position and secure what he has after without bringing about the crisis which might occur if he has to resort to the use of the mailed fist. The most subtle influence which he has to combat here is M. Laval, despite the fact that the Marshal seems to have sternly opposed his reinstatement in the Vichy Government. The obscurity which prevails over M. Laval's movements, since his release after Herr Hitler's intervention, is ominous, and he is probably plotting afresh against the Marshal with the co-operation of his Nazi associates. How long M. Laval will remain persona grata with the Nazis, time will show, because as soon as the Germans realise that his period of usefulness to them is over, his position will be more untenable probably than that which he occupied in the custody of the Vichy Government.

EDITORIAL



The Hon. David Bowes-Lyon, brother of H.M. the Queen, is one of the distinguished speakers who contribute regularly to the "Britain Speaks" series in the BBC's Overseas short-wave service

Congress Party Leaders Court Imprisonment

Congress Party leaders are fully aware of the danger of a Nazi victory—which would represent to them not only inability to obtain anything but the entire loss of what they had gained under British rule—they are nevertheless, at variance with the Government of India over India's declaration of war so much so that they court arrest and imprisonment, said MR. EDWIN HAWARD at a press interview yesterday.

Mr. Haward is Adviser on Indian Affairs and Deputy Director of the Far Eastern Bureau of the Ministry of Information. He spent many years in India, and was formerly editor of the Civil and Military Gazette and The Pioneer, and the North China Daily News from 1930 to 1938. He left yesterday afternoon with Mrs. Haward, for Singapore.

DIRECT CONTACT

The new Constitution which was devised for India in 1935 by Parliament was so that the various Indian states could be brought into direct contact with the eleven provinces of British India. India, however, is a victim of her size, her climatic and ethnological complexities.

There are only 95 illiterates to 1,000 people. There are men who are scarcely out of the bow and arrow stage, and there are, on the other hand, men who can take senior positions anywhere in the world—whether in commerce, laws, government, or arts. The adjustment of relationships between the various communities is most difficult.

Mr. Haward emphasised that both the major parties are at one in their hope of a British victory and that there is a general feeling of unity in India over the issue of war.

Mr. Haward noted that considerable progress has been made in Szechwan in administration and reconstruction, in which it has set an example worthy of emulation by Kweichow.

During his visit in Szechuan, Mr. Wu said that Japan is

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UNPLEASANT PLACE FOR JAPANESE

MOJL Dec. 23 (Reuters)—"India has become an unpleasant place for Japanese residents and the British authorities there subject the Japanese to various forms of oppression." Mr. Kiyoshi Komata, Chief of the Mitsui Bussan Trade Service station at Karachi, said upon his arrival here, according to a semi-official Japanese source.

Mr. Komata, who has been in India for 15 years and who returned here with 155 other Japanese evacuees aboard the Haruna Maru, is reported to have declared

"Our attempts to enlighten the natives about Japan through motion pictures and pamphlets have resulted in interference by British officials and whenever a Japanese leaves his residence he is followed by the police who continually watch wherever the Japanese go," the same source reports Mr. Komata asserted.

FARMERS BENEFIT FROM CHARITY BALL

A total of \$3,542.20 (raffle tickets, programmes, advertisements and donations) was raised by the Charity Ball in aid of Refugee Farmers which was held at the Peninsula Hotel last month.

After deducting expenses totaling \$1,412.78 the sum of \$2,129.51 will be added to the funds of the Shumchun Rural Welfare Centre to give aid to the farmers from China, to assist them in earning a living in the New Territories where they have sought refuge.

The Chairman and Executive Committee of the Centre express their deep appreciation for support of the cause and those who attended and thereby helped to make the Ball a success.

THE WEATHER

Maximum temperature yesterday was 76 and the minimum 67.

Total rainfall since January 1 is 117.50 inches against an average of 94.03.

The Royal Observatory report states:

A moderate anticyclone is developing over N. China and extending southward; pressure remains high to the S.E. of Japan.

The depression has deepened and is moving north-eastward across the Sea of Japan.

Pressure is moderately low over Thailand.

There are now 79 branches of the "Friends of the Wounded" Association at home and abroad with a total membership of 703.

General Secretary-General of the Association, at the second meeting of the Board of Directors

Among the Directors present were Dr. H.E. Kung, Vice-President of the People's Political Council, Mr. Ku Cheng-kang, Minister of Social Welfare, Dr. Paul Yu Pin, Vicar Apostolic for Nanking, General Liu Shih, Chungking

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1940

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING IN BRITAIN ABOUT

NEIGHBOURLINESS

In wishing his listeners a Happy Christmas, Mr. Howard Marshall, the well-known B.B.C. commentator who speaks weekly in the series "News from Home," referred to the spirit of neighbourliness which had arisen among the people of the British Commonwealth nations as shown by the cheerful Christmas cards he had received from a large number of his listeners.

"That is why there is this feeling of unity among us. The united strength of the British Commonwealth is carrying us to the attack and it has joined our Christmas into a celebration."

"We are not over-confident or blind to our opponent's strength. We know we have to be tough and determined and we know we have to fight as we never fought before and we will do that all right."

"But this spirit of neighbourliness means something more than that," said Mr. Marshall. "It is evidence of the way in which men's minds are moving on the basis on which we must work out a new peace for ourselves and our children. That is what the Christmas cards on my mantelpiece mean to me."

CHRISTMAS:

Mr. Marshall had a few words to say about the Christmas season in London. The shops, he said, are almost as full as ever and there is a real Christmassy look about them.

"I did not think," he said, "that people would be sending Christmas presents and cards this year, but it seems that they are. Everyone is determined to make this a real Christmas. I think this is a good thing."

"Naturally production and war work is going on uninterrupted and we only get one day's holiday if we are lucky. That is right too. Everyone wants to work at a time like this. We feel that there is a sense of emergency, but that does not mean that we are worried about it."

"We feel that Herr Hitler may decide to turn his forces against this country. This is only a guess, but it is in a great many people's minds and a great many of them say: 'That's fine—let him come, we are ready for him!'

"If Herr Hitler feels like taking one enormous crack against this country, we are determined that we shall meet him in a manner that will surely prove his downfall," said Mr. Marshall.

I would like also to thank those people who have contributed to the cost to our Christmas feasts and also the following firms most of which have sent gifts in kind: Messrs. B.A.T., A.S. Watson-Shaw, Tomes, Jardine Matheson, Nestles, Harry Wicks, Wm. Powells, Calbeck, Macgregor, Kelly & Walsh, Davie Boag, John Hutchinson, Mr. Lamb (B & S), Loyds.

For this seasonable help we are most grateful.

Yours, etc.

CYRIL BROWN
Chaplain

To The Editor, Hongkong Daily Press.

Sir—I should be glad if you would allow me to extend through your newspaper a very hearty invitation to Seafarers to attend the Christmas Dinner and entertainment at the Sailors' Home and Seamen's Institute on Christmas day at 7 p.m. Men of the Royal Navy and the Merchant Navy will be equally welcome.

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Appointment Of Halifax Unanimously Approved

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The British Press unanimously welcomes the new appointments. The DAILY TELEGRAPH says: "Lord Halifax has proved himself of outstanding distinction in character and mind. Everyone will appreciate the deep sincerity and broad liberal thought of the new Ambassador."

"Since the final exposure of Hitler no man has been more devoted to the cause of freedom and democracy than Lord Halifax and with a clear conscience we can command him to our American friends."

The DAILY EXPRESS says: He can meet Mr. Roosevelt knowing the secrets of Mr. Churchill's mind and the attitude of his colleagues at home.

THE TIMES says Reuter writes: "No higher tribute could be paid to the late Lord Lothian's work than the consent of the Foreign Secretary to take the vacant place himself."

MORE IMPORTANT

It is signal recognition of the fact that Anglo-American relations are more important than anything else in our foreign policy—not merely for our present needs but for the whole future of the world.

"It ensures the perpetuation of the spirit in which the late Ambassador undertook and carried out his mission."

The DAILY HERALD writes: "By deciding to send to the United States a man holding the rank of Foreign Secretary, Mr. Churchill has proclaimed the paramount importance of our friendship with America. Personally Lord Halifax has the qualities which the vast responsibilities which have fallen upon him will require."

The Daily Herald approved even more of the return of Mr. Eden to the Foreign Office and says: "He has been the most successful Foreign Secretary after Mr. Arthur Henderson."

GREATLY PLEASED

OTTAWA, Dec. 23 (Reuter)—The

GRAZIANI EXPLAINS REVERSES IN WESTERN DESERT

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wiped out. The troops under General Maletti were eliminated before the attack on Sidi Barrani began, and when the first line of defence try to fall back, they found their retreat cut off. It was then that the Marshal ordered his troops to fall back.

The report goes on to speak of the crushing superiority of the British armoured units and of the naval attacks launched along the coast, while the R.A.F. harried Italian columns on the march and bombed aerodromes and the fortified towns of Tobruk and Bardia.

The Italian Air Force, according to the Marshal's report, could not use its full weight because of bad weather. Among the raids made by the R.A.F. was an attack on Benghazi, 300 miles behind the fighting line.

Marshal Graziani's explanation has caused surprise in London and it is regarded as an example of military ineptitude, states a London message.

Marshal Graziani stated that the British offensive did not take him by surprise, but that it was impossible to resist owing to the under-rated the enemy.

Key Position Of German Economic System Bombed

British bombers were busy over Western Germany again, states a London message and Mannheim was again bombed.

Mannheim is the chief industrial centre of the Upper Rhine and occupies the key position of Germany's economic system. Heavy industries and munition works are centred just here.

Sunday night's attacks followed raiders over Britain was Manchester. The city was heavily attacked for many hours. A large number of fires were caused and considerable damage was done to houses and shops. A number of people were killed and several injured.

The R.A.F. found a new target near Venice, where an oil refinery was set ablaze. All the British planes are reported to have returned safely.

In Norway, British bombers struck at the railway from Oslo to Bergen, while Rotterdam and ports in occupied France were also raided, as well as Brest and Lorient. Again all British planes returned safely.

There was an air raid alarm in Switzerland on Sunday when some bombs were dropped and if people were reported to have been injured.

MANCHESTER ATTACKED
The main target of German

Prime Minister of Canada, Mr. Mackenzie King, stated that he is greatly pleased to learn of the appointment of Lord Halifax and added:

"Lord Halifax will bring to the new post a realistic view of the needs of the hour gained by quite an exceptional experience of conditions in different parts of the world."

Canadians generally highly approved the appointment of Lord Halifax, realising his experience will help to cement the union of opinion between the United States and the United Kingdom.

The appointment is also commended here.

TRANSPARENT SINCERITY

[WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (Reuter)—That Lord Halifax's widely known transparent sincerity and high handedness will work strongly to his advantage in his new post is the view expressed here.

EDEN AT PALACE

HIS Majesty the King held a Privy Council yesterday at Buckingham Palace at which Mr. Anthony Eden received his seals of office on appointment as Foreign Secretary and Capt. H. D. R. Margesson as "Secretary for War."

The Ministers kissed hands on receiving their seals of office states a London message.

LABOUR APPROVE

British Wireless adds that the Liberal and Labour Press also warmly approve of the appointment of Lord Halifax.

The News-Chronicle says: "As a former Viceroy of India, as Foreign Secretary during three of the most critical years in British history and as a member of the War Cabinet since the beginning of the present struggle, Lord Halifax has been the key personality in the council's of the nation. Short of dispatching himself to Washington, M. Churchill could hardly have done more to emphasise the vital significance of the Anglo-American link."

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THE CHALLENGE TO DEMOCRACY:

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"Waking slowly from a long sleep, my people have declared today that the world cannot be half Hitlerised and half civilised. So war between the two worlds is going on and will go on until a better world is created," said PROFESSOR ARTHUR NEWELL, a distinguished American, when he spoke in London on Sunday.

The speaker prefaced his remarks with a glowing tribute to the late Lord Lothian, British Ambassador to the United States, whose death occurred recently.

DEEPER UNDERSTANDING

"On Thursday, Dec. 12," he said, "the British and the American people alike mourned the passing of a great friend of my country. Lord Lothian passed away in a premature call. He worked for a deeper and greater understanding between our two nations and it was on that understanding that he said that all the real hope of the world depends. That was his farewell message."

"Lord Lothian's voice will long continue to speak to Americans with a compunction that may be stronger than his living presence. There was striking sentence in his Baltimore speech: 'This war is not a war between nations like the last war,' he said, 'it is a revolutionary war between the aspirations of man and a free world.'

"Only 24 hours before that," continued the speaker, "another man had said that there is much more at stake than victory between one country and another. That man was Herr Hitler."

CHALLENGE FLUNG BACK

"Yes, for once he spoke the truth. Here was a challenge thrown to us and we picked it up and flung it back to him. I say WE, because it is not only the British, but we Americans whom he has been pleased to couple with Britain in his vituperative words."

"We thank him for linking us up with the champions of the world he is seeking to destroy."

"Waking from a long sleep, my people have declared today that the world cannot be half Hitlerised and half civilised. So the war between the two worlds is going on and will go on until a better world is created."

"Let us look at these two worlds," went on the speaker. "I come back to Lord Lothian to do so. Nazism, he said, is the incarnation of a military state governed by discipline and Gestapo methods and expanding its power by ruthless conquest. We have only to contemplate the slave cities of Europe to realise what havoc Herr Hitler has wrought and to understand the ultimate aims of his ruthlessness."

"What have we to set over against this? What is the basis on which our world rests? At once there comes to our lips the word 'Democracy.' As far as England is

And then Lord Lothian speaks once more—"If you back us, you will not be backing a quitter."

"Everything is justifying those words—here in England, in the Western Desert, in the Adriatic, at Valona, over Germany. Where next? And what about America? President Roosevelt is back from his fishing—mind you I said fishing—in the West Indies and things always happen when F.D.R. gets back from a holiday."

THE VOICE OF AMERICA

"Cut out the dollar talk," he said. "Give Britain what she needs. Get out the hose-pipe and help her. We can worry about taking it back when it is all over."

"This, I think, is the authentic voice of the American people. Let us now hurry on with the job."

"For myself, I would go further—but we wait on events. One thing is clear. We too know what a public enemy No. 1 looks like. We have had plenty of them. Speed and more speed is what we must have now from my fellow countrymen."

Easing Of Tension

Various reports from Vichy state that there is a slight easing of the tension between the French Government and the Germans, states a London message.

It seems apparent that Marshal Petain will not countenance anything that will bring France into hostilities against Britain, and it also seems certain that Marshal Petain's Government will remain unchanged.

IN GOVERNMENT HANDS

A Vichy newspaper states that while Vichy will carry out the terms of the armistice, the armistice had left the French Empire and the means to defend it in the hands of the Government.

"There is no question," says the paper, "of throwing ourselves actively into politics, but it is a question of keeping our soul intact and maintaining our authority in the Dominions overseas."

"Marshal Petain saved the future of France, when he insisted that France should retain her fleet."

BADMINTON RESULT

University "B" beat Chinese Y.M.C.A. in the "A" Division of the Badminton League last night at the University by seven sets to two. C. K. Cheuk and K. F. Liu (H.K.U.) lost to T. H. Wong and T. W. Wong 17-21, beat C. Au and H. Ko 21-8, beat F. Ko and O. Y. Yung 21-10.

S. Amplavar and A. P. Lee (H.K.U.) beat Wong and Wong 21-17, lost to Au and Ko 17-21, beat Ko and Yung 21-12.

T. T. Chin and F. L. Yung (H.K.U.) beat Wong and Wong 21-8, beat Au and Ko 21-12, beat Ko and Yung 21-14.

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TUNG CHI
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The Tung Chi University is being removed from Yunnan to south Szechwan, according to Mr. Chow Chun-shih, President of the University.

Mr. Chow said that the new buildings in an undisclosed place in south Szechwan have been partially completed and a part of the 1,300 students have arrived at the new site while the rest are on the way.

The University was in Shanghai prior to the outbreak of the war. (Central News).

20 HOMES FOR
REFUGEE
CHILDREN

An ambitious plan to raise \$400,000 for the establishment of 20 homes for the care and education of 10,000 refugee children has been drawn up by the South China Christian Educational and Industrial Association for Homeless War Refugee Children, sponsored by Bishop Hall and several other prominent local citizens.

The funds, it is understood, will be raised in different places. The quotas are: Hongkong, \$50,000; Macao, \$25,000; Shanghai, Philippines, Haiphong, Kwang-chowwan, Saigon, Thailand, Burma, Singapore and Java, \$75,000; Australia and New Zealand, \$75,000; the United States, \$100,000; Canada, \$50,000 and Hawaii, \$25,000.

As the members of the Association are scattered over the foregoing places, it is expected that the campaign will be much facilitated.

One of the homes for refugee children has already been established in Wuchow, east Kwangtung.

A number of prominent local citizens are among the advisers, sponsors and members of the Association, including Dr. C. T. Wang, former Chinese Ambassador to the United States, Dr. W. W. Yen, former Chinese Ambassador to Soviet Russia, Sir Shou-son Chow, Sir Robert Kotewall, Mr. Teh Kong-chao, Dr. Chung Ying-kwong, Professor Hsu Tz-shih, Hon. Mr. M.R. Li, Mr. O.R. Yu, Mr. E.H. Lockwood, and Dr. Irene Hotung.

BISHOP WARD RELATES
CHANGING SCENES IN
U.S., CHINA

CHUNGKING (By Air Mail): "America will not strike the first blow in war if its government can help it," but America is determined that those things which the American people hold dear, and for which the Chinese are struggling, shall not be banished from the earth, said Bishop R.A. Ward, of the Methodist Church, in a broadcast over Station XGOX for America.

Speaking on his impressions of the changing sentiments in the United States on the question of war or peace, Dr. Ward said: "During the past few months in the United States, I found this clarifying of world wide issues making much progress. Last year I was in America for six months and again for a similar period this year. A great change had come to my fellow countrymen."

"A year ago they were still bothered much about internal matters, the deficiencies and successes of the New Deal, the coming presidential election, the values of isolation. This year I again travelled widely in my own country, speaking to many audiences, conducting forums, and bearing all sorts of Americans' talk, both privately and publicly, devouring newspapers everywhere, and hearing the radio commentators."

"Something has happened inside of Americans. And that something has made a great deal of difference. The President has merely to ask for another billion dollars to get it for national defense. Congress no longer lags behind the administration and public sentiment. Candidates for office vie with each other in promising more efficiency and speed in strengthening America's fighting forces, increasing industrial output and the resources of the nation."

"The economic structure of the country is ready for the strain. Factories are running to capacity and many are vastly enlarging their plants. Every shipyard is crowded with new construction. Great progress has been made in drawing the republics of Central, South and North America more closely together than ever before. The wealth of the United States is being released to implement their co-operation. The Americans will act as a unit in world affairs where they are concerned. And they see that even their own interests are at stake in other continents."

NEW ATTITUDE

The re-election of Mr. Roosevelt was a token of American determination to have no more of academic isolation. Hundreds of new warships and airports, new strategic bases for fleets in both oceans, tens of thousands of airplanes, millions of soldiers, billions of dollars, all are rapidly going into expression of the new American attitude towards the purposes and principles now at struggle across the world.

"And the center of it all is an American determination that those things which Americans hold dear, and for which the Chinese are struggling, shall not be banished from the earth. Indeed, those things shall have a fair right to grow wherever men wish them to grow, unshackled by armed domination and ruthless regimentation."

"America will not strike the first blow in war if its government can help it. But American public sentiment is dangerously near the place—indeed, I fear it is now at the place—where no President nor Congress could forestall America's involvement in war if some other nation committed a war-like act against America. I cannot say that I like all of this. But we Americans—and people in any other part of the world which might be concerned—must now reckon on these evident facts in a changed America."

"A typical America is grateful that his people have again responded to the call to protect those ideas of freedom and representative government which Americans learned from other peoples and, in some real measure, developed for themselves."

"And those of us who have wandered among the nations are also pleased that America has again come somewhat out of her recent stupid narrowness in which she often acted as though she could live only unto herself in the family of nations of which she is a part and in which she must take her full share for human welfare."

ALWAYS A PLEASURE

Referring to his impressions of China, particularly Chungking, Bishop Ward declared: "To return to Chungking is always a pleasure. But this time the pleasure has been mixed with sadness and with inspiration. After another absence of ten months I came again four days ago. I was in West China during the first fourteen months of the present Sino-

GENERAL

DIVINE
MISSION OF
GERMANY!

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuter) — Almighty God has called on Germany to lead the way to a purer and better world Herr Frank, the Nazi Governor-General of Poland, told an audience at Krakow during a Christmas celebration.

"This Christmas tree," he said, "brings us a sacred message that the German nation has been called upon to establish peace in Europe through Adolf Hitler's victory. The highest good and the greatest gift Almighty God has given to man is to be a German. We are proud to master the world as Germans. Never before have we been so exalted".

Referring to Hitler, he said: "He sits in lonely sublimity; he is incomparably great in his uniqueness. Adolf Hitler is called upon to be the leader of the world unhampered by anyone. The Almighty has blessed this German nation so that it may carry the light into the wilderness."

for large new buildings. But countless small structures serve present purpose.

SETTER SYSTEM

"The government of Chungking is doing what Englishmen will do for London. Promptly it laid out better system of streets and boulevards. Even new temporary structures must be set back to the new street lines. A great new Chungking will replace the bombed old Chungking which decades of wrangling could not have remodelled.

"A trickle of American relief funds is being used to erect a colony of homes for the poor riverside workers whose houses were destroyed. The highly efficient mayor of Chungking who had five years of successful experience as mayor of another great Chinese city before the war, gives close attention to his business-like and detailed administration of the city.

"To Americans all these things are interesting. Americans admire efficiency, alertness and courage. They find them in plenty in Chungking. They know that a great city grew on the ashes of Chicago and modern San Francisco followed the earthquake and fire. From the outset Americans thought that the new life of China would emerge for the struggle and from it. Some other peoples were still thinking of the China of past decades as only the China of past generations. They were wrong. That is clear now.

"The war has transformed Chinese soldiers. I have watched that transformation during the past three years. The former soldiers of war lords often were a motley gang of half bandits, poorly disciplined, rather stupid creatures of somebody's ambitions, alternately feared and despised. But soldiers today have a deserved place of respect. They are soldiers of the nation, soldiers with a purpose. They are fellow patriots with thousands of well-trained civilians who work with them and for them. War often makes soldiers brutal. Especially when they are mere soldiers of fortune, cut for booty. But these are not soldiers of conquest. They live among their own countrymen for whose homes, and their own, they are fighting. The systematic and widespread education of the soldiers has made soldiers with a social and national purpose. And that has made a big difference."

"Not that they have become models. But they have become essentially—embryonically—different. And, in contrast to the frequent revolts and cut-sellings to the highest bidders in other periods there have been practically no disaffections among the regular Chinese armies which now are vastly larger than the combined war-lord armies of other years.

"The visitor is refreshed by the consistency of the supreme command. Other countries during recent seasons have been changing national partners, tearing up treaties and bargaining for the largest share of war plunder. In China one has a stimulating sense of moral values and a stability of national purpose. Temporary loss of territory, disheartening defeats in the early stages of war, possible compromise with other nations—all of these things have not contrived to change one iota China's essential national purpose. Doubtless this is in part due to a Chinese national trait.

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WARTIME
SYLLABUS FOR
U.S. TEACHERS

Because international affairs are the essence of interest in history classes, government and other social studies, and because not all teachers are prepared to discuss the foreign relations of the United States and have not the time to do extensive reading in that field, the American Council on Education is undertaking to prepare in syllabus form teaching materials in international relations.

The immediate aim is to furnish a concise statement setting forth the basic need of objectivity in appraising the world scene and the place of the United States in that scene.

In addition, the project will take certain areas of importance in international relations in which specific study materials might be prepared for teachers.

Among these subjects are: the "United States and the Western Hemisphere," the "United States and the Far East," the "United States and Neutrality—1939-1940," "Propaganda and Popular Attitudes on International Affairs," "American Defence," the "United States Economy in a Totalitarian World."



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MALAYA IS BRITAIN'S "DOLLAR ARSENAL"

SINGAPORE, Nov. 25.—British Malaya has been described as the "dollar arsenal" of the British Empire because her large exports of tin and rubber to the United States provide a handsome balance of trade which in terms of U. S. dollars helps to pay for British purchases of aircraft and other war materials on the "cash and carry" basis required by U. S. neutrality.

It is the policy of the Malaya Government to conserve all available resources of foreign exchange to increase the country's usefulness as the "dollar arsenal."

TRADE WITH INDIA

There is a growing tendency in Malaya to look more and more to India, Australia and New Zealand for supplies of foodstuffs and manufactured goods which were previously supplied by Great Britain or by countries outside the sterling bloc. The possibility of extending the trade between Malaya and India is being considered.

Malaya's exports which may be of use in the Empire's wartime economy include rubber, tin, iron, bauxite, several minerals needed in armament production including wolfram and tungsten, and vegetable oils.

ECONOMIC WEAKNESS

The principal economic weakness of Malaya is her continued dependence on imported food supplies, especially rice. Nearly two-thirds of Malaya's rice consumption must be met at present by imports. It is possible that arrangements will be worked out for increasing supplies from India and Burma although so far as possible regard must be given to the preference of the population for Thai (Siam) rice.

It is believed that Singapore's industries can be adapted to pro-

RECORD SILVER FOX PRODUCTION

Silver fox production in Canada during 1938-39, amounting to 319,693 pelts valued at \$5,660,722, was the greatest ever recorded in the history of the Canadian fur trade.

The silver fox is Canada's most important fur product, and comes almost entirely from the fur farms. The low average price of \$17.71 per pelt should bring this popular fur within the reach of most Canadian women, and is a far cry from the early days of fox farming when there were comparatively few farms and the supply of ranch-bred animals was limited.

At that time, fabulous prices, amounting to as much as \$35,000 per pair, were paid for the live animals that were required as breeding stock, but now that the fur farming industry is fairly established and contributing about 40 per cent of the Dominion's raw fur production, the animals are raised primarily for their pelts.

IMPORTANT BRANCH

For many years fur farming was concerned principally with the silver fox, but in recent years mink raising has become an important branch of the industry.

Mink production has advanced rapidly, reaching a total of 220,359 pelts valued at \$2,103,774 in 1938-39, an increase of 80,619 pelts and \$703,187 over the preceding season.

It is estimated that 40 per cent of the number of mink pelts and 50 per cent of the total value represent sales from fur farms.

Other kinds of fur-bearers—red fox, cross fox, blue fox, raccoon, skunk, marten, fisher, fitch—are also found on the farms, and recently the valuable chinchilla, a native of South America, has been added to the list.

The total value of Canada's raw fur production, including pelts taken by trappers and those sold from fur farms, in the 12 months ended June 30, 1938, was \$14,286,937, an increase over the 1937-38 season of \$1,000,533.

Ontario with \$2,533,658 and Quebec with \$2,230,280 were the leading provinces with respect to value of raw fur production. New Brunswick, Alberta, Prince Edward Island, the Northwest Territories, Manitoba and British Columbia followed in the order named, each with a value of more than a million dollars.

Saskatchewan's fur output was valued at \$983,447, and that of Yukon Territory at \$267,721.

The total number of pelts of all kinds taken in 1938-39 was 6,492,222 as against 4,745,927 in the preceding season.

Muskat and squirrel accounted for the greater part of this increase, the number of muskrat pelts totalling 2,295,550 as against 1,748,218, while the catch of squirrels amounted to 2,296,139 compared with 1,244,359 in 1937-38.

CONSERVATION OF FOODSTUFFS

To conserve foodstuffs, the Chekiang Provincial Government has issued an order warning the people against waste.

Besides vigorously enforcing the 3-year programme for increased production, the provincial authorities have issued two sets of regulations, one limiting cultivation to only useful agricultural products and the other providing for economy in food consumption.

(Central News).

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The total value is \$38,910.00.

(Central News).

To investigate the spawning of salmon, a party of United States scientists from the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences arrived here recently to make studies on the salmon in the Pettingous River, the world's greatest salmon water. The party is equipped with the latest in cameras and equipment for making sound motion pictures.

FINANCE & GENERAL

EAST INDIA FOR MORE SPITFIRES

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuters)—Further gifts for planes and for air-raid distress were announced yesterday. A sum of £1,400 has been received from Chinese members and friends of the Sino-British Cultural Association for air-raid relief and a further sum of £250 has been received from Kenya for the purchase of three mobile tannents, one for London, one for Liverpool and the third for anywhere in the United Kingdom.

The East India Fund has sent a further gift of £20,000 for the purchase of Spitfires, making its total contributions so far £350,000. The same Fund has sent £1,000 to the King George's Fund for sailors.

The Punjab University is putting its entire resources for war purposes at the disposal of the British Government and is also asking for increased facilities for military training for members of the University.

The workshops of the India Works are turning out large quantities of essential supplies and are arranging to train nearly 2,000 men under the Government of India Scheme stop.

Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands has sent Mr. Winston Churchill a cheque for £3,000, completing the gift of £50,000 for fighter aircraft sent by the Netherlands East Indies on the occasion of Mr. Churchill's recent birthday.

The paper also pointed out that instead of helping Italy by sending large numbers of aircraft to Greece and Albania or launching attacks against England in order to divert British effort or participating in the fighting in Albania and Libya, Germany has sent her troops into Italy.

It would therefore seem that the German troops are going to Italy for the purpose of preventing the collapse of the Mussolini regime and also to extend German influence in the Mediterranean.

NEUTRAL SUSPICION

The paper pointed out, however, that any attempt by the Germans to dominate Italy would face strong opposition on the part of the Italian people while at the same time Britain and the United States are trying to win the friendship of France and Spain.

In conclusion, the paper stated that German domination over Italy will further increase the suspicion on the part of neutral countries towards the intentions of Germany, whose international position may become steadily isolated.

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HUGE U. S. NAVY ORDERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (Reuter)

The United States Navy has placed orders totalling approximately \$244,000,000 for submarine chasers and auxiliaries, including four vessels designed for placing anti-submarine nets at the entrances of strategic harbours.

Sheep wool production in Canada in 1940, the largest since 1930, is estimated at 13,621,000 pounds as compared with 13,569,000 in 1939 and 13,386,000 in 1938. The number of sheep shorn in 1940 is estimated at 1,820,500 with an average yield per fleece of 7.4 pounds compared with shearings of 1,805,100 sheep in 1939 and an average yield per fleece at 7.5 pounds.

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On demand	102 1/2
On India:	
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On New York:	
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On demand	40 7/8
On Bangkok:	
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Bar Silver per oz.	23 1/16

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Monday, Dec. 23. Silver prices were unchanged over the week-end, the quotations remaining at 23.1/16 for Ready and 23 for Forward. American Silver was unquoted.

The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402.1/2. New York/London was quoted at 403.1/2.

MARKET

Easier.

STERLING.

There were sellers at 1/23.1/32 for near and forward small buyers at 1/3 January, possibly for Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS

Sellers at 23.11/16 for Spot, buyers at 23.3/4 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Opened with sellers at 421 and at the close at 1 p.m. there were sellers at 434.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Weak. Opened with sellers at 3.17/32 and at the close sellers were quoted at 3.7/16. U. S. Dollars opened with sellers at 6.19/32 and last advices indicated sellers at 5.7/16 for Spot.

AFTERNOON MARKET

The market was quiet in the afternoon.

STERLING.

There were sellers at 1/23.1/32 for near and forward, small buyers at 1/3 for Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS

There were sellers at 23.11/16 for Cash, buyers at 23.3/4 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Opened with sellers at 434 and closed with sellers at 438.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling 3.7/16 were quoted early in the afternoon and closed a shade easier with sellers at 3.12/32 for Spot. U. S. Dollars 5.13/32 sellers for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Dec. 21 (Reuters).

Official T.T. Rates

Opening
London 0/3-3/8
New York 6-5/16
Japan 22-1/2
India 18-3/4
Paris nominal
Hongkong 22-3/8
Sterling
Sellers
Opening

Spot 0/3-17/32 0/3-25/34
Dec. 0/3-17/32 0/3-25/34
Jan. 0/3-33/34 0/3-23/34

U.S. Dollars
Spot 45-19/32 45-3/8
Dec. 5-19/32 5-3/8
Jan. 5-9/16 6-5/16
Market—Uncertain.

Silver Duty Rate
The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d.

The Equalisation rate was 224 per cent.

Record-of-performance Canadian poultry have made their debut in South Africa as foundation stock.

An order for two cockerels and six pullets is reported by the Dominion Department of Agriculture, at \$25 and \$15 respectively per bird.

Trinidad and British Guiana have preceded South Africa as purchasers of Canada's best breeding poultry stock.

COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW (FROM PAYNE & CO.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 21, 1940.

SINGAPORE RUBBER	Previous	Dec. 21	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
S P O T	38-1/4	38-1/4	38-1/4	unch.		
JAN-MARCH	37-3/4	37-3/4	37-7/8	up 1/8		
APRIL-JUNE	36-1/2	36-1/2	36-5/8	up 1/8		

The market was quiet but steady.

LONDON RUBBER	Previous close	Today's close	buyers	buyers	Change
S P O T	11-7/8	11-15/16			
JANUARY	12-1/16	Market closed			
FEBRUARY	12-3/16				
APRIL-JUNE	12-3/16				
JULY-SEPT.	12-3/16				

NEW YORK COTTON: Prices advanced on light offerings and on the firmness of spots.

CHICAGO WHEAT: Favours purchases on easiness for moderate advance.

NEW YORK RUBBER & NEW YORK HIDES: Expect higher.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 123.87; Today's close, 123.89; Change, up .02.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET (REUTER'S SERVICE)

Prev. Today's

	High	Low	Close	Change
New York Cotton, March	10.17	10.14	10.12	.03 up
New York Rubber, March	20.35b	20.32b	20.37b	.02 up
Chicago Wheat, May	85	83	84	.04 up
Chicago Corn, May	60	60	60	.00 off
New York Hides, March	12.50	12.45	12.50b	unch.

NEW YORK COTTON Close

Opening Closing Change

January	9.99 N	10.02/02	10.02 N	.03 up
March	10.12/12	10.16/18	10.15/16	.03 up
May	10.05/05	10.10/10	10.09/09	.04 up
July	9.83/83	9.88/88	9.88 N	.03 up
October	9.31 N	9.35/35	9.34/34	.03 up
December	9.28 N	9.32b/35a	9.31 N	.03 up

Total sales Friday: 55,400 bales.

NEW YORK RUBBER

January 20.35b/40a 20.32b 20.37b .02 up

March 20.18b 20.18b 20.20b/25a .02 up

May 19.97/97 19.98b/20.00a 19.99 N .02 up

July (New contract) 19.82b 19.75b/85a 19.84b .02 up

Total sales: 50 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT

May 844/844 844/844 844/844 .01 off

July 794/794 794/794 794/794 .01 off

Friday's sales: 11,675,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

May 604/604 604/604 604/604 .01 off

July 504/604 604/604 604/604 .01 off

NEW YORK HIDES

March 12.50/50 12.46/45 12.50b unch.

June 12.27b 12.15b/30a 12.30/30 .03 up

Total sales for the day: 41 contracts.

N.Y. Official Silver 34-3/4 unquoted.

NY-London Cross Rate 403-1/2

YOKOHAMA

London 1/3 1/32

New York 6-5/16

Japan 22-1/2

India 18-3/4

Paris nominal

Hongkong 22-3/8

Sterling

Sellers

Opening

Spot 0/3-17/32 0/3-25/34

Dec. 0/3-17/32 0/3-25/34

Jan. 0/3-33/34 0/3-23/34

U.S. Dollars

Spot 45-19/32 45-3/8

Dec. 5-19/32 5-3/8

Jan. 5-9/16 6-5/16

Market—Uncertain.

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d.

The Equalisation rate was 224 per cent.

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"But it is largely due to the calm, steady, never changing practice of the Generalissimo. His character seems deeply rooted in some of the finest qualities of China's past. Like the greatest of China's sages he would guide the nation by principle."

"Like great leaders of other peoples in times of great crises, he has interpreted to his people their purposes so clearly that they have become more conscious of them. Evidently he has a clear and satisfying philosophy of his own by which he is determined, at all costs, to live and help his country to live. Like some of the greatest leaders of men, he seems steadfastly to refuse to compromise those principles for which he and his nation have committed themselves."

"It is such purposes that are coming more clearly to focus in the present worldwide struggle. For the Chinese those purposes are fundamental. They are also fundamental for mankind. And they are becoming more articulate among other nations with each passing month of the world war, of which the war in China and the war in Europe both are parts." —(Central News.)

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m., Dec. 23. Barometer, (at sea level), 30.09 ins.

Temperature, 71 F.

Humidity, 84 per cent.

Wind Direction, E/S.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 3.

Temperature maximum yesterday, 75 F.

Temperature: Minimum last night, 67 F.

Rainfall, for 24 hrs. ending 10 a.m. today, nil.

Total rainfall since January 1st, 117.59 ins.

Against an average of, 84.93 ins.

Sunset tonight, 5.45 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 7 a.m.

4 p.m., Dec. 23. Barometer (at sea level), 29.98 ins.

Temperature, 72 F.

Humidity, 88 per cent.

Wind Direction, E.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.

Maximum temperature, 76 F.

Minimum temperature, 67 F.

Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 24 to 30 Dec. 1940.

Days of Week	Date Month	High Water		Low Water	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Tues.	24	6.00	5.1	10.03	2.8
		21.74	6.4	—	—
Wed.	25	08.30	4.8	00.43	2.7
		18.30	6.9	11.45	3.1
Thur.	26	07.50	4.7	01.40	2.0
		19.18	7.4	12.23	2.3
Fri.	27	08.57	4.7	02.29	1.4
		20.06	7.8	13.18	3.4
Sat.	28	09.03	4.8	03.13	0.9
		20.48	8.0	13.59	3.1
Sun.	29	11.39	4.8	03.54	0.6
		21.30	8.1	14.40	3.4
Mon.	30	11.46	4.7	04.32	0.6
		22.08	7.9	15.20	3.4

RAUB AUSTRALIAN GOLD MINING CO., LTD.

Report For Four Weeks Ended 7th December, 1940.

PERIOD 569 DEVELOPMENT

Development footage for the period amounted to 869 feet.

Raub Hole Section

133 Feet Development: The workings have been dewatered to No. 3 level. Development conducted satisfactorily both on Nos. 1 and 2 levels.

Anderson Section

37 Feet Development: Work has been concentrated upon cleaning up old levels and picking up an old air shaft to be used as a walkway. The section had previously been without means of filling stopes.

Bukit Koman Section

239 Feet Development: Satisfactory developments continue above No. 3 level to the south of the shaft. More thorough examination of old workings in the Bukit Koman North Section with the view to fill where necessary, to extract level pillars, and to look for the extension of many stopes which appear to have been stopped more because of mining difficulties than because of reduced grade.

Derrick Section

306 Feet Development: Driving on No. 3 level and drives both to the north and south from stopes on No. 6 level have been definitely satisfactory.

Malacca Section

94 Feet Development: Working below No. 2 level continues to be most encouraging.

MINING

A total of 6,740 tons was mined and treated during the period. Grade improved slightly. Raub Hole 2,434 tons; Anderson 847 tons; Bukit Koman 1,395 tons; Derrick 1,680 tons, and Malacca 404 tons.

Barry: Tonnage of Ore raised 21,038 tons; No. of Ounces of Bullion produced 2,890 ounces; No. of Ounces of Fine Gold recovered 2,741 ounces.

Retreatment Plant: No. of tons treated 24,023 tons; No. of Ounces of Bullion produced 1,557 ounces; No. of Ounces of Fine Gold recovered 1,365 ounces.

Value of Gold from all sources £34,011 Sterling.

Working Costs £27,477 Sterling.

Capital Expenditure £885 Sterling.

Mine Profit for Quarter (subject to Depreciation) £6,534 Sterling.

TREATMENT PLANT

Battery: Ore crushed 6,740 tons;

Residue to retreatment 6,671 tons;

Residue to storage 69 tons.

Retreatment Plant: Tailings treated, current tailings 6,571 tons;

Tailings treated, St. Koman dump tailings 3,725 tons; Tailings treated, Cord Table concentrates 98 tons. Total: 10,494 tons.

GOLD SHIPMENT

Battery: 957.84 Bullion Ozs;

902.14 Fine Au Ozs.

Retreatment: 861.35 Bullion Ozs;

708.15 Fine Au Ozs.

Total: 1,819.19 Bullion Ozs. and 1,608.29 Fine Au Ozs.

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FLOATING MINE REPORTED

A floating mine in a position approximately at Lat. 24 deg. 12' N. long. 118 deg. 11' E. has been reported by the master of the s.s. Kingyuen as sighted about 0045 hrs. G.M.T. on Dec. 21.

DARWIN HARBOUR

It is noticed by the Harbour Office that an obstruction and buoys exist in the vicinity of the line joining East point to West point in Darwin Harbour, Australia. Caution is necessary when navigating in this area.



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GERMAN NIGHT BOMBERS APPEAR OVER WIDE AREA

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuter)—Enemy air activity over Britain during daylight hours yesterday was very small but after darkness raiders were reported from several districts, including Liverpool, Midland, northern, west and south-west towns in England and Wales.

**Italy's Grip
On Abyssinia
Is Weakening****SPIRIT OF REVOLT
SPREADING**

KHARTOUM, Dec. 23 (Reuter)—The sound of British bombs exploding in Italian encampments and the noise of British guns have brought new hope to the Abyssinians, writes Reuter's correspondent in Sudan.

Italy's grip on Abyssinian territory is weakening and revolt is spreading. News of the British victory in the Western Desert has penetrated to the mountain fastnesses of Gollam, the wilderness of Danakil and to wide expanses of bush with their sparse and scattered population.

The news travelled by the mysterious "native telegraph" whereby information flew from village to village in the heart of Africa.

TRIBES REBELLING

The Royal Air Force's constant and systematic destruction of Italian bases is a clear sign to the restive tribes that Britain's southern army of the Nile is close at hand.

SUDAN IS BUZZING

Sudan is buzzing with stories of risings across the border. In Khartoum itself satisfaction is expressed at the recent House of Commons statement by the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, that the revolt in Abyssinia appeared to be making progress.

WILL TO FIGHT

There is great will to fight and meet Germany throughout the Union of South Africa and in Rhodesia, Tanganyika and Kenya.

This tribute to the contribution being made to the Empire war effort by these countries was paid by a Hussar officer who is returning to his armoured car squadron in the Western Desert after an extensive lecture tour in South Africa.

Everybody, he said, is eager to give something either in cash or kind for Britain's war effort.

CHUNGKING, Dec. 23 (Reuter)

The execution of Yang Chuan-yu, former Mayor of Chengtu, was officially announced by the Chinese National Government this morning. The sentence was carried out following his conviction for hoarding foodstuffs while his two accomplices, Ou Shu-yuan, Chungking manager of Tachuan Bank and Li Mao-chen, food merchant at Huchuen, north of Chungking, were sentenced to imprisonment.

ITALO-GREEK WAR

Commenting on the Italo-Greek war, Trud says: "To oppose the Greek offensive, the Italians have concentrated strong forces."

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The letter disclosed that the Wang Ching-wei-Japanese treaty was mainly the result of the intrigue of Col. Sadaki Kagesa, liaison officer of the Tokyo War Office attached to the Nanking regime. For the purpose of this document, Kagesa made five trips to Japan and Gen. Nobuyuki Abe personally returned to Tokyo before the final consent of the Japanese Government was obtained.

Prior to the signing of the treaty, the letter said, a serious controversy raged among the members of the Kono-ya Cabinet as to whether Wang Ching-wei was worthy of unreserved support.

Wang was said to be held in contempt not only by the Cabinet members but also by Kono-ya himself.

The reason why Kono-ya finally put through the document, the letter explained, was the heavy pressure brought on him by pro-Axis radical elements in Japan.

STRONGLY OPPOSED

According to the letter, the treaty was strongly opposed by both the elder Japanese politicians and the capitalist elements.

Consequently as soon as it was signed, a crisis developed for the Kono-ya Cabinet whose position is

Up to a late hour last night there had been no reports of heavy bombings but in several places the raiders met a strong anti-aircraft barrage.

An alarm was sounded in the London area soon after dusk and there were indications that a very heavy barrage was being put up against the raiders.

During the day one Junkers 88 bomber was reported brought down in south-eastern England.

Two British planes landed in fire, according to an official statement issued in Dublin, and the crews were interned.

WEEKS LOSSES

German air raids over Britain during the week ending Dec. 21 were on an unusually light scale but six planes were shot down for the loss of one British fighter.

Detailed figures are:

December 15, 16 and 20—None.

December 17, 18 and 19—One German lost each night.

December 21—Three German and one British lost.

Meanwhile heavy British raids over Germany, including three concentrated attacks on Mannheim, and a daring 37th raid on Berlin were continued every night. Three British planes were lost during the night of December 15-16, four during the night of December 16-17 and no losses on other nights including the Berlin raid.

ITALIAN LOSSES

Confirmed figures of the Western Desert air battles for this period are not at present available but during the week ending December 18, 68 Italian planes

are definitely known to have been destroyed in combat for the loss of ten British planes, bringing the total

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